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1. SUMMARY: PM KUKRIT'S VISIT TO K.L. ABNE 9-11 PROCEEDED ACCORDING TO FORM (REF A). MALAYSIAN RECEPTION WAS CORDIAL, THOUGH NOT EFFUSIVE. RELATIVELY FEW PROTOCOLARY FUNCTIONS AND SIGHTSEEING EVENTS ALLOWED PLENTY OF TIME FOR THAI LEADER TO MEET WITH PM RAZAK AND SENIOR GOM OFFICIALS IN UNHURRIED AND SERIOUS ATMOSPHERE. ACCORDING PRESS REPORTS, KUKRIT WAS IMPRESSED WITH GOM ECONOMIC PLANNING AND LAND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS, BUZKBILATERAL POLITICAL RELATIONS AND REGIONAL SECURITY WERE PRIMARY TOPICS OF DISCUSSION. ALTHOUGH NO
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SECURITY FIELD, THERE IS FEELING THAT KUKRIT VISIT PAVED WAY FOR CLOSER COOPERATION IN COMBATTING COMMUNIST TERRORISM ON THAI-MALAYSIAN BORDER AND IN ASSESSING EXTERNAL THREAT ARISING FROM COMMUNIST SUCCESSES IN INDOCHINA. END SUMMARY.

2. FORMAL PUBLIC STATEMENTS BY PM'S KUKRIT AND RAZAK DID NOT REFLECT ANY MAJOR ALTERATIONS IN RTG-GOM RELATIONS, AND IT IS PERHAPS NOTEWORTHY THAT THESE STATEMENTS WERE MEASURED AND EVEN ON THE LOW-KEY SIDE. (TEXTS WILL BE SENT DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY BANGKOK.) OF INTEREST ON MALAYSIAN SIDE WAS PM RAZAK'S COMMENT AT DINNER IN KUKRIT'S HONOR JUNE 9 THAT MALAYSIA "WILL COOPERATE WITH YOU THROUGH THICK AND THIN, TO DEFEND OUR INDEPENDENCE AND INTEGRITY AND THE WAY OF LIFE WHICH WE BOTH VALUE AND CHERISH SO MUCH." JOINT COMMUNIQUE RELEASED JUNE 11 CONTAINED PRO FORMA REAFFIRMATION OF FRIENDLY AND CLOSE BILATERAL RELATIONS AND COMMITMENT TO REGIONAL COOPERATION AND ASEAN. THAI AND MALAYSIAN PM'S ALSO STRESSED SUPPORT OF 1971 K.L. DECLARATION ON ESTABLISHMENT OF ZONE OF PEACE, FREEDOM AND NEUTRALITY IN SEASIA AND ENDORSED DECISIONS OF MID-MAY ASEAN MINISTERIAL MEETING HELD IN K.L. ALSO, COMMUNIQUE URGED MAJOR WORLD POWERS TO PLAY "MORE POSITIVE ROLE IN THE RECONSTRUCTION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF SEASIAN COUNTRIES" WHILE NOT PURSUING "ECONOMIC POLICIES WHICH WOULD ADVERSELY AFFECT THE ECONOMIC PROGRESS" OF NATIONS IN THIS REGION.

3. IN PREDEPARTURE PRESS CONFERENCE JUNE 11, PM KUKRIT MADE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A) GOM AND RTG AGREED TO STEP UP CAMPAIGN AGAINST COMMUNIST TERRORISTS IN BORDER AREA, SPECIFIC MEASURES TO BE CONSIDERED BY JOINT BORDER COMMITTEE MEETING IN BANGKOK NEXT WEEK. OBJECTIVE OF NEW JOINT ACTION WOULD BE TO STOP FLOW OF ARMS TO INSURGENTS.

B) BOTH COUNTRIES WILL INCREASE EFFORTS TO CHECK DRUG TRAFFICKING, MATTER WHICH WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSED AT BORDER COMMITTEE MEETING.

C) PROPOSED ASEAN SUMMIT IS GOOD IDEA BUT THERE IS "NO URGENT REASON" AT PRESENT FOR LEADERS TO MEET.

D) RTG RELATIONS WITH CHINA WILL BE FORMALIZED BY END OF JULY AND RTG HOPES TO OPEN "OFFICE" IN HANOI IN NEAR

FUTURE.

E) GOM AND RTG AGREED TO CLOSER BILATERAL COOPERATION IN CULTURAL EXCHANGE AND ECONOMIC FIELDS.

F) TAIWAN CITIZENS AND STATELESS CHINESE LIVING PERMANENTLY IN THAILAND WILL, UPON ESTABLISHMENT OF RTG-PRC RELATIONS, HAVE TO OPT FOR EITHER THAI OR CHINESE CITIZENSHIP. DUAL NATIONALITY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED AND 30,000 OR SO TAIWAN CITIZENS WILL BE REQUIRED TO CHOSE BETWEEN THAI OR PRC CITIZENSHIP.

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ALSO, 200,000 TO 300,000 STATELESS CHINESE IN
THAILAND COULD BECOME THAI CITIZENS.

4. BEGIN LOU. COMMENT: THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT GOM
AND RTG ARE WILLING TO MOVE TOWARD CLOSER POLITICAL AND
SECURITY COOPERATION, ESPECIALLY IN TAKING MORE FORTHRIGHT
ACTION AGAINST COMMUNIST TERRORIST SANCTUARIES IN BORDER AREA.
AS IS USUAL IN THESE MATTERS, HOWEVER, IT IS PROBLEMATICAL
WHETHER MODALITIES SATISFACTORY TO BOTH ALLEGED RTG VIEWS NOTED
REF B AND LONGSTANDING THAI SUSPICION OF MALAYSIAN
INTENTIONS VIS-A-VIS MUSLIM MAJORITY PROVINCES IN SOUTH. UNDERHILL

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